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U.N. Committee to Tour West Coast Timberlands

Members of the Timber Committee of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe will visit the West Coast of the United States September 13-23 to view timber growing and processing.

About 65 delegates from throughout Europe, the Soviet Union, and Canada will visit Washington, Oregon, and northern California as guests of the United States. U.S. committee representative Dwight Hair of the USDA Forest Service in Washington, D.C., is in charge of the tour, and Pacific Northwest Regional Forester R.E. Worthington will be in charge of tour activities in Washington and Oregon.

The ECE Committee, headquartered in Geneva, is the repository for statistical information on world timber and forecasts of usage and needs, and is an arena for discussion of forest policy and clearinghouse for estimates and analysis of forest product use. It coordinates with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the U.N. in Rome.

Tours to producing countries are organized every few years. Previous tours have included Russia and Canada. Besides the Forest Service, hosts in Washington will include Weyerhaeuser Company and Simpson Timber Company; in Oregon, Crown Zellerbach Corporation, Gilchrist Timber Company, and Sun Studs; in California, Louisiana-Pacific Corporation.

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Tour schedule includes: Sept. 14, Olympic National Forest; Sept. 15, Weyerhaeuser Company's Clemons Tree Farm; Sept. 16, Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Mount St. Helens; Sept. 17, Tillamook Forest with Oregon State Forestry Department; Sept. 18, near Sisters to view pine forests east of Cascades; Sept. 19, Columbia River Gorge including Bonneville Dam and Wind River tree nursery; Sept. 20, Eugene; Sept. 21, Eugene, Roseburg, and to Eureka; Sept. 22, Scotia, California, redwoods area; Sept. 23, San Francisco.

Evening events include a welcoming buffet by Industrial Forestry

Association, Sea-Tac airport on Sept. 13; a dinner at the Western Forestry

Center, Portland, by Western Wood Products Association, Sept. 17; and a

dinner in Eugene by Willamette Timbermen, Sept. 20.

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